

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Inventors: Pope et al.  
Title: Diamond-Surfaced Femoral Head for Use in a Prosthetic Joint  
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Washington, DC 20231

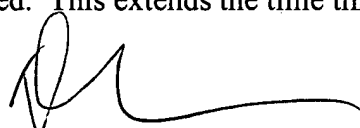
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**Petition for Extension of Time**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Applicant received an office action with a mailing date of February 13, 2001. Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time in which to file a response. A check for the fee (small entity) is enclosed. This extends the time through May 13, 2001.

  
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